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FRIDAY, JANUARY 29, 2021

Col and Luke feature on film

Aussie country stars Col Hardy and Luke O'Shea feature on a special film released by Sutherland Shire Council in Sydney in conjunction with Australia Day 2021.

Titled "Our People, Our Places, Our Shire" the short film "celebrates the Sutherland Shire, its amazing people, natural environment and First Nations heritage".

Together with local talent, iconic Sutherland Shire locations are highlighted, capturing "the heart and soul of the Sutherland Shire community," according to a spokesman.

As well as Col and Luke, the film features local artists Caravãna Sun, Kim Sheehy, Mark Vincent and a young trio comprising Amelia Heaven, Billie-Rose Brotherson and Gabrielle Daggar.

Weblink – www.youtube.com/watch?v=WxIYJ7h1PAM.

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WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 27, 2021

Barry goes Country

***Greenfields* – the new album released by Bee Gee Barry Gibb has a distinct country flavour and feel.**

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 20, 2021

TSA winners announced

Winners in the annual Tamworth Songwriters' Association (TSA) Songwriter Salute Awards have been announced.

The scheduled Awards event last night was delayed due to technical difficulties but eventually went to air via Youtube and can now be viewed on-line at any time (visit the TSA website for link).

Country Song of the Year went to Ben Ransom with *Night After Night* which also won him the Alt Country Song Award. Ben also won the Country Rock Song award with *Mamma Said*.

Local Heroes Song of the Year was won by Ian Burns, Mary Harrison & David Carter with *Think Again*.

The songwriting team of Cass Hopetoun & Blake Dantier were announced as winners of the New Songwriter of the Year title with *Typical Bride* and also took home the Country Ballad Award for *Room Full Of Strangers*.

Felicity Dowd was a double winner taking home the Novice Song Writing Award with
Blue Skies and Youth Songwriting with *When The Party Is Over*.

Kevin Pye won the Lyrics Only Writer Award with *The Sepia Soldier*, Stan Lenz was successful in Gospel/Spiritual Song with *That Little Church On The Hill* and Tony Smith won the Bluegrass Song Award with *Dirt Kids*.

Lucie Tiger took home the Country Blues Song Award with *Gasoline* while John Howie won
Comedy/Novelty Song with *Tittybong*.

Peter Coad won Bush Ballad of the Year with *Two Old Bushmen* and Traditional Song of the Year went to Wendy Wood with *Do It All Over Again*.

Rodney Walker and Lynnette Guest were honoured with the TSA's Tex Morton Award and Brian Letton was presented with the Song Maker title (Brian is pictured above receiving his accolade from the TSA's Lorraine Pfitzner).

During the presentation, long-serving TSA member and committee member Athol Latham was presented with Life Membership.

Weblink – www.tsaonline.com.au.

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MONDAY, JANUARY 18, 2021

The Winners 2021

The Country Music Association of Australia (CMAA) has released its annual Golden Guitar Awards compilation album.

The Winners 2021 features finalists (and ultimately also winners) from the Country Music Awards of Australia being staged in Tamworth on Saturday night.

Released on behalf of the CMAA by ABC Music, the album contains a total of 39 tracks.

This year's Golden Guitar Awards are being staged